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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Harold E. "Lem" Kaiser of Morton, who passed away on July 17, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Kaiser was born in Tremont on December 15, 1919 to Benjamin and Anna (nee Plattner) Kaiser; he graduated from Tremont High School in 1937; he married Ila Jean Stieglitz in February of 1946 in Morton; he farmed for his father until leaving for the service in 1942 and served his country in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946; he married Helen Jean (nee Smith) Merchenthaler on November 10, 1976 in Morton; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Kaiser worked for the United States Postal Service as a rural mail carrier, delivering mail between 1958 and 1982 in Morton and Tremont; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Kaiser was an avid golfer who scored a hole-in-one 3 different times; he enjoyed searching for morel mushrooms in his favorite spots, cooking steak on the grill, and eating strawberries and shortcake; he grew sweet corn and tomatoes and picked berries; he relished dinners on the screened-in porch with his family; he enjoyed traveling to Florida, Hawaii, and Cancun, Mexico; he enjoyed ice-skating with his daughter, water-skiing with the boys, swimming,

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1 badminton, and cards with the grandkids; he loved to garden and  
2 tinker around the house and yard; he was an active member of  
3 the Morton Apostolic Christian Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Harold Kaiser was preceded in death by his first  
5 wife, Ila; his brother; and his 5 sisters; and

6 WHEREAS, Harold Kaiser is survived by his wife, Helen; his  
7 4 children, Loren "Lon" (Cindy) Kaiser, Thomas (Lisa) Kaiser,  
8 Jean (Don) Lashbrook, and Scott (Julie) Kaiser; his brother,  
9 Orman (Katherine) Kaiser; his 2 sisters-in-law, Verla Leman and  
10 Wilma Stieglitz; and his 11 grandchildren and 19  
11 great-grandchildren, including Jeff (Mary) Kaiser, Kim Emery,  
12 Heather (Ryan) Gray, Joe Williamson, Dawn (Brian) Sharpe, Terah  
13 (Jason) Allen, Angie (Andy) Ogburn, Weston (Stephanie) Taylor,  
14 Jesse (Emily) Lashbrook, and Jake and Laura Kaiser; therefore,  
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Harold E. "Lem" Kaiser, and extend our sincere condolences to  
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Harold Kaiser as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.